

# Ruff Notes

## June 2026



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### June 2026 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone that participated and donated to our annual Morris Animal Foundation walk. We raised a total of \$1,700.00. All the dogs were wonderful ambassadors for MBDTC!



Our showing for the club meeting was light; you missed a nice presentation on the course on dog first aid offered at Bed and Biscuits. If you are interested in attending a class, contact Candice.



The prize for locating the MBDTC Volunteer Opportunities on our web page was awarded to **Diana Galvan!** There are lots of ways you can get involved to help – Please check out that listing – we can use your assistance!

#### The June Blast from the Past of MBDTC

60 Words MBDTC Memories

From **June Laman**: When I attended Luane's obedience classes in Capitola with one of my Chesapeakes, she had trouble knowing which dog I had. She just called him/her/ "brown dog". One time I put a name tag on my shirt with an arrow pointing down to the dog with his name. When she began to give me instructions for the "brown dog", I pointed to the name of the dog and the pointing arrow on my shirt.

From **Denise Weatherwax**: In September 2009 I got a new puppy – a Sheltie, who we named Grace, after my Godmother. As I always had with puppies, I signed her up for beginning Obedience in Capitola with Luane. At one of the first classes Luane told me, "You can do a lot with a smart little dog like this" She was right and Grace became my heart dog.

From **Reena Walton**: I have taken multiple classes with Susan, Dorothy, and Carol with My Sheltie Lacie. I have subbed several obedience classes and judged for their obedience workshop 3-4 years. Plus stewarded at their Obedience trials every year since. I joined the club 2 years ago and was voted onto the BOD last year. Great people, great club!

Hug your dogs and cherish every minute you are privileged to have them with you!

Terri Gregson, President






Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc.  
Presents

**All Breed AKC Agility Trials**

Manzanita Park Sports Complex  
171000 Castroville Blvd.  
Prunedale, CA. 93907

June 12, 13, 14, 2026








## **Annual Club Trial “Season” at Manzanita Park, Prunedale**

### **Agility Trial June 12-13-14**

Once again MBDC host 2 ½ days of trials contracted with ABBA DOGS. We will have two new tunnels, a new wagon, more secure strapping for the tunnels, and tunnel movers. The tunnels could not be repaired and the wagons, over 20 years old, are broken. Yes, these are new expenses. Fortunately, we rent our equipment five times a year to other clubs. Those rentals cover such costs.

We always need club volunteers. (Contact [michael@bashista.com](mailto:michael@bashista.com).)

### **Obedience Workshop July 18 and Trials July 25**

Club members make the workshop and trials possible along with a superb trial secretary, Karey Krauter. Each year Linda Lang recruits more than a dozen stewards. (Contact [lslang@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lslang@sbcglobal.net))

Okay, so now you some volunteer opportunities for a few summer weekends.

Hope to see you at the park.

*Michael Bashista  
Dir. of Matches and Trials*



**Monterey Bay Dog Training Club  
Obedience & Rally  
Workshop**

**Pre-Entries Only-Closes July 11, 2026**  
**Saturday, July 18, 2026**  
**Rally 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
**Obedience 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
 Manzanita Park Sports Complex  
 17100 Castroville, Prunedale, CA. 93907





**Monterey Bay Dog Training Club, Inc.**  
**Donations for the Raffle at the Obedience and Rally Trial**  
**Needed by:**



**July 18, 2026**



Please make a donation to our upcoming Raffle.

**Toys, dog treats, gift baskets from local businesses, used but good equipment, Gift cards from local businesses, leashes and collars, spa treatments for people and dogs.**

Please contact Audrey Lanas at [LuLu2Lanas@aol.com](mailto:LuLu2Lanas@aol.com) or text her at 419 5639.



Did you know that money received from the raffle helps pay for ribbons?



**Now is the time to donate for the Awards for our All-Breed Obedience & Rally Trials coming up in July**



- Send your donation to Carol Davis at
- 111 Wheelock Road, Watsonville, CA. 95076



## Onward and Upward - 60 Years

### Trials and Minor Tribulations.....Our First Obedience Trial

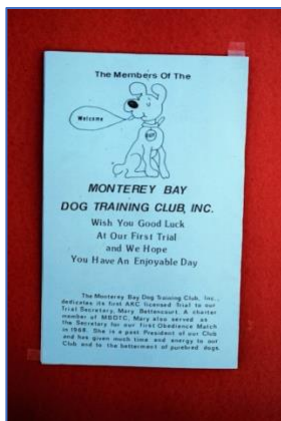
Submitted by Luane Vidak

We plunged right in. Well, not exactly. Long before we offered Obedience Trials to the Dog Fancy, we had determined we would stay independent, focus on Obedience MATCHES and not feel the pressure and restrictions of offering AKC events. That worked for many years. However, during that time, because we were AKC exhibitors, we structured our Matches to follow AKC protocols to the letter. Our matches were top notch, well attended, offered great awards, had all the necessary committees operating on their focused areas, and we had chosen nice sites for these events.

The “fly in the ointment” came in the form of Mr. Jim Crough, a mainstay of Santa Clara DTC., a well-known Obedience judge, who decided we needed mentoring! He was determined for all the good reason that we should apply to AKC for approval to hold a Trial. Very persuasive man .... who eventually got us to move in that direction.

AKC had requirements. Since we were well experienced, had a remarkable membership that was willing to keep detailed personal activity records on **every single thing** that they did and their dogs did dog-activity-wise, AND a lady named Louise Smith who would compile the collection of pages and pages of these individual activities over an extended amount of time, we started on that journey.

Our documentation proved to AKC that our membership was committed to AKC dog activities and that these members had the background experience to successfully represent AKC when offering approved Obedience trials. What Mr. Crough didn't tell us was HOW much time and PREP and CHANGES we had to agree to during the process of gaining approval! *(In advance of all this, Mr. Crough shepherded both Wally Kodis and myself into moving to become AKC approved Judges, a commitment that continued for over 25 years for me. Wally moved up to the top ranks in AKC obedience as AKC field Rep and a significant contributor to the judging rules found in the Obedience Regulations.)*



Our first AKC Trial was held on the grass of an elementary school in Watsonville. Mary Bettencourt was our 1<sup>st</sup> Trial Secretary, and I was invited to be on the Judging Slate, which I still consider a great honor. Mr. Jim Frey was the AKC Rep at the time. Wonderful man, AKC detailed to the marrow of his bones. Getting a nod from him was important and we were dedicated not to disappoint.

But let me digress a moment to show you how thorough that man was. From where I stood, I watched him walk way across the grounds to the area of a water fountain where **no** one was going. He reached down and turned the faucet knob, didn't take a drink, turned around and ambled back toward the rings. Note: Clubs had to mark all exhibitor amenities in their application packet. Later when I shared this with Mary, she said “Ahh. I tested them all yesterday and I knew they all worked!” Details count!

That trial was held August 12, 1979. High in Trial\* was won by a Shetland Sheep Dog, with a score of 198.5, handled by owner Barbara Wilson from Nevada. High Combined\*\* (open + utility score) was won by local area exhibitor Suzi Bluford's Golden Retriever, Streaker, with a score of 394.5

Those wins might bring you to wondering about the Memorial Awards listed in the Trial Catalogue that are offered at each Obedience trial. They are dedicated to the memory of the dogs of five of the founding members, dogs that brought the group together in the first place.

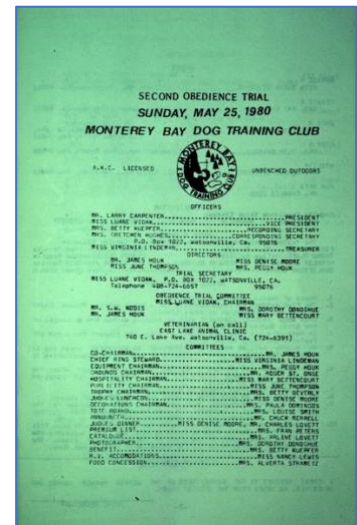
The dogs remembered are:

- \*Mutiny Miss Muffet CDX (Muffy--Miniature Schnauzer) owned by Luane Vidak
- \*\*Ch O'Linda of Georjune UD (Lindy--Belgian Tervuren) owned by Dale and Wally Kodis
- Mischievous Imp CD (Gomer--Pug) owned by Mary Bettencourt
- Tish (All American of Shepherd persuasion) owned by Nancy Lewis.

Our membership continues to embrace the chance to give back and offer to the Dog Fancy an opportunity to come and exhibit. Many of you reading this have taken on event jobs... doing set up/take down, stewarding, running raffles, arranging refreshments and or lunches, acting as runners, awards coordinator, and perhaps generously offering awards to be given to winners....all this to assist our chairmen doing what it takes to offer a top-notch trial.

If that's you, you have earned a big Thank you from MBDTC and the Dog Fancy.

Meanwhile, we'll await July 25, 2026 when we do it all over again for #61-#62





## AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB



# Monterey Bay Dog Training Club

## All-Breed Obedience & Rally

### Trials Same Day

## Saturday, July 25, 2026

### 7:00AM-5:00 PM

## Manzanita Park Sports Complex

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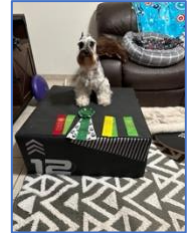
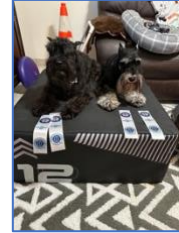
# BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



**Isabella** RATO. Barn hunt open title. High in class and 1<sup>st</sup> place

**Shadow and Rowdy**. ATT Temperament Test title!!

Rally Excellent Title **Isabella** Yuba City show..... (Karen Azevedo)



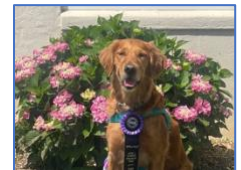
On May 2 **Rainy** picked up Detective leg #9 and the Sacramento Beagle Club Trial in Lodi..... (Linda Lang)



**Soleil and Rhyme** used their noses to find all the Q tips at a NACSW element specialty trial in Turlock the first weekend in May. Rhyme earned her level 1 interior title and Soleil earned her Level 2 Interior title.

And back in April, at our first local trial of the summer, Rhyme earned her first Excellent JWW leg with a 1st place blue ribbon. Since I don't have a ribbon photo, I will share an action shot.

Rhyme earned her first open standard Q at the TRSCS trial over Memorial Day weekend. She had a ton of great stuff in most of her runs. It's coming together for sure. .... (Michelle Pressel)



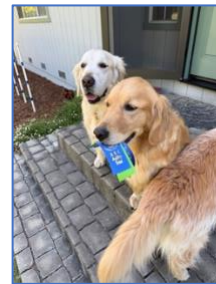


# MORE BRAGS and CONGRATULATIONS!



**Caleb** -So far just a 194. In Open B to report...for a red, yesterday(May 29<sup>th</sup>) at Hurricane Ridge KC. ....(Stacy Thompson)

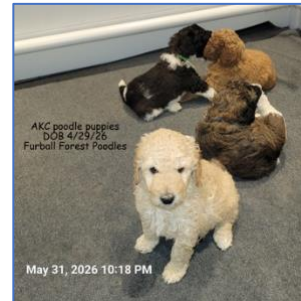
**Dawson** earned her first novice jumpers and open standard legs at the Del Monte Sunday 5/31. Both runs were nice and clean 😊.....(Terri & Garth Gregson)



trial on



My **poodle puppies** are getting big! Except for the runt, we named him Munchkin. He is tiny but mighty! .....(Diane & Phil Kipnis)





Morris Animal Foundation's mission is to bridge science and resources to advance the health of animals. Founded by a veterinarian in 1948, we fund and conduct critical health studies for the benefit of all animals. Learn more at [morrisanimalfoundation.org](http://morrisanimalfoundation.org).

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Dear Terri & Monterey Bay Dog Training Club,  
Thank you for hosting another successful walk in support of Morris Animal Foundation's Golden Retriever Lifetime Study! Your continued commitment makes a meaningful difference in advancing animal health research. We're so grateful for your partnership and for bringing the community together for such an important cause.  
With gratitude,  
Your friends at Morris Animal Foundation



# Happy Birthday Wishes



6/14/2021	5	Poppy	Australian Shepherd	Edie Losch
6/15/2021	5	Sylvie	Pyrenean Shepherd (Rough)	Gail Mahood
6/26/2011	15	Reznor	Golden Retriever	Garth & Terri Gregson
6/28/2021	5	Skye	Miniature American Shephard	Shirley Madan

\*\* If we've missed someone or your information needs to be updated, please contact Marion Bashista at [marionb@bashista.com](mailto:marionb@bashista.com) with your changes. Thanks!

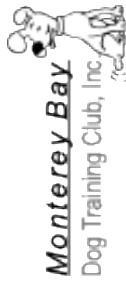
6/1	Barbara Skaggs
6/2	Stacy Thompson
6/6	Diane Kipnis
6/10	Irene Fukutome
6/12	Stewart Gibson
6/17	June Laman
6/18	Lynn Schmitt
6/24	Michael Bashista
6/27	Gail Mahood





## 2026-2027 MEMBERSHIP

Send your dues along with this form by **June 30, 2026** to  
 Marion Bashista, 115 Cleveland Ave., Santa Cruz, CA 95060



**\$24 for first member; \$12 for additional members, same household.**

<b>Directory Info – Please check one: <input type="checkbox"/> My info is CORRECT <input type="checkbox"/> Please UPDATE the Following</b>			
Last Name:		First Name:	
Address	Street:		
	City:	State:	Zip Code:
Phones	Home:	Cell:	
	e-mail:		
Birthday - month and day only:			
Spouse/Partner/SO	Last:	First:	
Ruff Notes Delivery - check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Email me <input type="checkbox"/> Send me a printed copy via USPS			
<b>My Dogs – Don't forget new dogs and puppies!</b>			
Dog's Name	Breed	Birthday (with year)	

Office use only:  Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Check # \_\_\_\_\_ date rec'd \_\_\_\_\_




WANT A GOOD DOG?  
WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

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